

Life Principle Day Fifteen:
Brokenness is God's requirement
for maximum usefulness.

Today's Reading
Psalm 51

Today's walk takes us down a tearful path that David took after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba. In Psalm 51, David's wrongdoing bore down heavily upon him. Thankfully, his remorseful heart and his broken spirit brought him to repentance... and to further usefulness. Just like David, our transgressions should lead us to brokenness and repentance...and further ministry.



Be careful though. This broken path can create such a heavy heart that you are brought to a stand still. Make sure you move beyond remorse that says, "I should have never done that!" to repentance that says, "God, forgive me for doing that." In heartfelt prayer, contrition, and remorse, David pleaded with God for mercy, grace, and forgiveness. He begged God knowing that the love and compassion of God would enable him to gain

strength. The power of sin had prevailed over David's steadfast spirit, which had been his strength throughout his life. But he understood that forgiveness and restoration were available to him. David realized that there was life on the other side of his sin. He would still be able to guide others toward God.

There was a short period in my life when I experienced extreme devastation in my family and on the job. Looking back on what occurred during that time, I understand how brokenness works. My broken path led me away from the sin of pride and guided me back to a path of restoration and usefulness. With wisdom, God taught vital lessons on my path of brokenness. I am a better servant for Him today because of that brokenness. With the grace of God and the direction of His word, the joy of my salvation has been restored.

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